

Job Shadowing for English Language Teachers

Refresh your English language teaching skills through focused observation sessions and teacher-led workshops

Course Outline

Job Shadowing for English Language Teachers is designed to help English language teachers develop their skills by observing a range of methodologies in action. By observing our trainers in the classroom, participants will have the opportunity to analyse new practices and approaches. In follow-up workshops, participants are invited to discuss what they have seen and to explore ways to enhance their own teaching skills. The course will provide an overview of the latest methodologies in teaching languages, explore new materials, and discuss how to make creativity a cornerstone of your teaching practice. You will work on some lesson materials personalised to your own teaching context, which will be presented at the end of the week.

All courses take place at the Atlantic Centre of Education in Galway, on Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way, offering participants the chance to explore Irish and local cultural heritage through a week-long programme that includes a full-day cultural tour, a guided walking tour of Galway city, and afternoon social and cultural activities, with staff available to recommend additional events and excursions.

Objectives

Work with an Atlantic Senior Teacher Trainer to enhance your knowledge of current language teaching methodologies. ✓

Engage with other teachers from all over Europe, share experience of language teaching + gain fresh insights and new connections. ✓

Observe classes at Atlantic Centre of Education and learn about the strategies our teachers use to aid language learners. ✓

Gather a bank of resources to aid you with engaging learners from all backgrounds. ✓

Added value of the mobility

The course allows participants to observe working English language teachers in action and to share teaching practices with fellow participants from secondary/vocational education.

Activities to be carried out

- Task completion to stimulate analysis and discussion of teaching methods and classroom practice.
- Online resources to further develop individually-focused teaching practices
- Opportunities to enhance their own language skills.
- Workshop sessions to enable participants to reflect on their own practice, integrate their observations into their teaching, and share these insights with fellow participants.

Expected outcomes and impact

This course offers a professional development opportunity for participants which aims to provide teachers with innovative and creative solutions for teaching English language learners.



Suitable for: Teachers of English working in the secondary, vocational and adult education sectors.

Minimum Level of English: B1 (CEFR)

Certificate: Certification of Participation and Attendance

Programme Length: 5 days of tuition (Monday to Friday) + 1 full-day activity 25 hours

Documentation provided: STT Invitation letter, Europass, Work Plan (on request), End of Course Certificate

SAMPLE TIMETABLE

Morning: 9.00-12.30 // Afternoon: 1.30-3.00

***suggested timetable only, actual content may vary*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Introductions Welcome class & tour of Atlantic. Icebreakers & needs analysis, goal setting Understanding school systems in Ireland and other countries Introducing your teaching context in your school and regional differences	Engagement Exploring common barriers to learning. Examining strategies for Student Engagement. Mini Presentation Task. Classroom Observation x 90 minutes.	Active Learning Scaffolding lessons to maximise engagement Student-Centred Activities Project Work: Design a short lesson. Engaging with Erasmus Projects and the wider Erasmus Community.	Peer Collaboration Dos and Don'ts of student collaboration Dealing with Groupwork Challenges How do we assess and evaluate group work? Classroom Observation x 90 minutes.	Presentations and Feedback Peer Presentations Course Overview & Self-Assessment. Self-Study Resources + Next Steps. Action Plan for your return to school
LUNCH BREAK				
Erasmus Workshop English Language & Irish Culture Walking tour of Galway	Erasmus Workshop eg. Speaking Skills & Pronunciation Pub Social Evenin	Erasmus Workshop eg. Learn English through Music	Erasmus Workshop Museum Visit	Erasmus Workshop Phrasal Verbs & Idioms

SUNDAY

Full-Day Tour to Wild Atlantic Way

Possible tours include:

Cliffs of Moher

(throughout the year)

Connemara (from May to October)

Aran Islands (from May to October)

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2026 COURSE DATES

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
			20-24		29-3 July	06-10 20-24	17-21		14-18		

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